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Applicant: Langer *et al.*

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Applicants respectfully request a three (3) month extension of time, from June 29, 2000, up to and including September 29, 2000 to respond to the Office Action mailed March 29, 2000, in the above-referenced case. Responsive to that Office Action, Applicants request entrance of the following Amendments into the case, and consideration of the following Remarks:

In the claims:

Claims 2, 6, 11, 13, 19, 25, 32, 24, 35, 43, 45, 46, and 48 have been amended to more distinctly point out and claim the present invention, and have not been amended for the purpose of overcoming any of the stated rejections. Additionally, Applicants have cancelled claims 55-63 to expedite prosecution, and have not canceled the claims to concede the correctness of the Examiner's stated rejection. Rather, Applicants explicitly reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed in a continuation application if desired. Specifically, Applicants respectfully request amendment of the claims, as follows: